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1. HAVE CHECKED ABBOTT'S PRODUCTION AND RESULTANT SHIPPING SCHEDULE AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT DELIVERY ALL ITEMS TO PHNOM PENH BY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY OCTOBER 15 AS REQUESTED REF B. REF B CITED LATTER DATE AS ILLUSTRATIVE AND WOULD NOT BY ITSELF JUSTIFY, IN OUR VIEW, COSTS AND RISKS INVOLVED IN AIRLIFT. SEA DELIVERY BY FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER IS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY HERE.

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2. CRITICAL ITEMS BECAUSE OF SIZE OR WEIGHT WILL BE:

- A. TWO ENGINES EACH 40,000 LBS. 11.4HX7.5WX31L (FEET).
- B. TWO GENERATORS EACH 39,000 LBS. 6HX6WX10L.
- C. ONE PIECE SWITCHGEAR 10,000 LBS. 10HX8WX23L.
- D. ONE PIECE SWITCHGEAR 15,000 LBS. 10HX10WX23L.

3. HAVE AGAIN CONFIMED AS WE ADVISED REFS C-E THAT COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CANNOT BE USED FOR DELIVERY BECAUSE OF WEIGHT AND SIZE. RE REF A, PARA 2, NO SCHEDULED U.S. AIRLINES HAVE 747 AIR FREIGHTER IN SERVICE. THERE ARE THREE NONSCHEDULED OR CHARTER OPERATORS WHO HAVE EACH ACQUIRED ONE CONVERTIBLE MODEL WHICH CAN BE USED AS ALL CARGO OR MIXED PASSENGER AND CARGO AIRCRAFT BUT CARGO DOOR CANNOT ACCOMMODATE PACKAGES OVER EIGHT FEET HIGH, AND THUS COULD NOT CARRY ENGINES AND SWITCHGEAR.

4. ONLY OTHER POSSIBLE MEANS ASSURING DELIVERY ALL ITEMS BY NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15 WOULD BE TO USE AID-FINANCED USAF C-5 AIRCRAFT TO APPROPRIATE OUT-OF-COUNTRY TERMINAL WITH SUBSEQUENT SURFACE SHIPMENT TO PHNOM PENH.

5. ABBOTT PRESENTLY PLANNING TO COMPLETE FACTORY WITNESS TESTS OF TWO ASSEMBLED GENERATORS IN TIME TO DISASSEMBLE AND SHIP ABOARD APL'S PRESIDENT ARTHUR. ARTHUR NOW SCHEDULED DEPART LOS ANGELES AUGUST 29 WITH ETA SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 25. APL'S CARRIER FROM SINGAPORE TO PHNOM PENH TO BE PACIFIC LOGISTICS S.A. OF SINGAPORE. ESTIMATE PACLOG SHOULD BE CAPABLE MAKING DELIVERY TO PHNOM PENH OR ALTERNATIVELY TO KOMPONG SOM (SEE PARA 4 REFTEL C) WITHIN 15 DAYS OR BY OCTOBER 10.

6. IF THIS PARTIAL SHIPMENT MADE AS PLANNED, CONSIGNMENT WILL BE 33 PACKAGES TOTAL WEIGHT 265,400 LBS. AND APPROXIMATELY 13,000 CUBIC FEET.

7. IF TESTING NOT COMPLETED IN TIME TO PERMIT ABOVE PARTIAL SHIPMENT, ABBOTT IN THIS CASE WILL ONLY SHIP VIA ARTHUR 10 REELS WIRE PLUS EIGHT CASES MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS NOT INVOLVED IN TESTING. CONSIGNMENT THEN REDUCED TO TOTAL 62,000 LBS. WITH NO CRITICAL WEIGHT/SIZE PACKAGES.

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8. ABBOTT ADVISES TESTING GENERATORS THREE AND FOUR PROGRAMMED FOR COMPLETION MID-SEPTEMBER. THESE BOOKED FOR SHIPMENT APL'S PRESIDENT JACKSON, SCHEDULED DEPART LOS ANGELES SEPTEMBER 24, WITH ETA SINGAPORE OCTOBER 20. IN EVENT GENERATORS PLANNED FOR PRESIDENT ARTHUR MISS SAILING, ABBOTT HAS ASSURANCE FROM APL THEY CAN BE SHIPPED ON JACKSON. ACCORDINGLY, IT APPEARS FINAL DELIVERY TO

CAMBODIA OF LAST ITEMS NOT ASSURED EARLIER THAN FIRST WEEK
NOVEMBER, WHICH TIMING WE CONSIDER SATISFACTORY SINCE
10MW GENERATORS FROM SAIGON SHOULD BE ON STREAM BY THEN.
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